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TROPICAL BOULEVARD.

With so many advantages in the way of the tropical growth which responds to cultivation and water here, the next thought which should be given careful nursing by the people, is what shall they do to make the new Waikiki boulevard a thing of beauty. With the changing of the old lines of the road, the eradication of the old landmarks, there must come then something to take the place, else will the city be the loser by the transaction.

Of the many plans which have been discussed there is one which is finding lodgment in the minds of certain Waikiki folk, and which promises to be brought up by them before the entire plan has been completed. This is the utilization of a strip of space between the portion of the roadway which is to be used for the street railways and that which will furnish the driving crown, for the cultivation of palms and tropical trees. The first result would be to bring into the new boulevard an element of beauty which would in time, and a short time too, make it one of the most talked of drives in the world. The combination of sea and mountain scene, the picturesqueness of the scenes which mark the route of the road, all would contribute to the success of the plans for beautifying it.

The criticism that the beauty of the drives and streets is passing with the improvements, the cutting down of trees and palms, must be met with activity looking toward the creation of newer beauties, which will replace the old ones. Every returning visitor whose initial acquaintance dates to the days before the hand of progress was so heavy, remarks the changes and deprecates them. They were inevitable and time will show the great wisdom of the men who decreed them, but this makes the duty of providing new beauties for the visitor the more imperative.

The fate of the cocoanuts placed along the Ala Moana indicates the necessity for care of young trees and there may be necessary some combination of citizens which will act with the public officials for the placing of trees and palms along the new road. It would seem to be time for the inauguration of the Waikiki Improvement Club, and there would be plenty of work for it to do, with the widening of the road proceeding with vigor and its future as the scenic drive, resting in the hands of the people.

BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION.

The argument that the army had terrible provocation in Samar does not excuse its infractions of the moral law. Nor does it appear that the kind of war made by the natives was in any sense as horrible as that waged upon the army for an hundred years by Indian tribes. It did not become necessary for our troops, in punishing the Indian hostiles, to commit return atrocities. Though their own comrades were scalped, burned at the stake and tied to ant hills, and though they were often compelled to bury women and children whom the redmen had horribly mutilated, yet our soldiers made honorable warfare. They did not kill everybody over ten nor "make a wilderness and call it peace;" they were, on the contrary, humane to a degree which at first awakes the wonder and finally compels the respect and expedited the surrender of all the border tribes.

General Smith in giving the Samar order which has made him notorious, forgot, as so many others of our soldiers in the Philippines have done, what we are there for. Our purpose was never more clearly stated than by President McKinley, when he called it "benevolent assimilation." While putting down revolt we were not, by our conduct, to incite it; it was for us to show such a spirit of order, sobriety and moderation, such justice and good will, as to make the people of the Philippines feel that it would benefit them to accept the American flag. Yet instead of doing that, in Samar at least, captured natives have been treated with hideous cruelty. If the teachings of history count for anything, these people will never forget or forgive; and even if brought under the yoke, they will hate America and Americans for General Smith's sake as long as the people of Ireland have hated England and Englishmen for Cromwell's sake. God forbid that we should annex a worse than Irish question to torment us for centuries to come. If that is the prospect the sooner the islands are sold back to their own people, the better for all concerned, and especially for us.

We hope the authorities will impose every stray bull which appears in the streets of Honolulu or its suburbs, and if they have the power, prevent the loose driving of such animals on the public thoroughfares. A bull, as the *Lidiana* tragedy proved, is liable at any time to see red. It is not fair to expose the passer-by to his sudden bursts of fury.

The President of Cuba is having a fine time now, but as soon as the opposition press gets under way and shows him up as a yankomaniac he will know for sure that he is in politics.

If it had been St. Thomas instead of St. Pierre, the Danes would have been tumbling over each other the next day to complete their bill of sale.

If Delegate Wilcox can't do anything else at Washington he might try and get one of the new gunboats named after Honolulu.

EVANS AND THE PRINCE.

In McClure's Magazine for May, Admiral Robley D. Evans gives what he calls a sketch of Prince Henry's impressions during his visit in America, but which in reality is a sketch of Prince Henry as Admiral Evans saw him. Being with the prince from the hour of his arrival until the hour of his departure, the admiral had an opportunity to study his royal charge, and it cannot be denied, as the *Kansas City Journal* says, "that he has given us the picture of a charming and lovable fellow."

At the outset Prince Henry announced that he had come to see the life of the American people. When approaching the wharf in New York one of his suite called the attention of the prince to the sky-scraping buildings. "I see," he said. "I have had my eye on them for some time. They are imposing, but certainly they are also very ugly. But then I have seen tall buildings in other cities of the world. I came to this country to see the American people." And certainly the prince saw a great deal of the American people in his swing around the circle, with the result, as Admiral Evans tells us, of being strongly impressed with their hearty hospitality. Indeed, but one unpleasant incident occurred during the entire journey. At Somerset, Ky., says the admiral, "some anarchists (I guess they were anarchists; at least that is what I called them at the time) banded on our car, crying, 'Get up, Henry. Come out!' at 2 o'clock in the morning. I first prayed that the train would move on; but when it wouldn't, I got up, and, hearing the prince disturbed, and moving about in his room, went to the window and explained that the prince was not in that car, but up front in the first car. Our friends in the first car didn't appreciate it, but the prince did. He thanked me for what he called, with a droll choice of language, 'Your - your - er - thoughtfulness, Evans.'"

The admiral tells us that the prince not only talked good English, but also American English, in the sense that he sometimes dropped into our slang. Once, when he was accused of being slangy because he used the word "hustle," he said: "No; 'hustle' is not slang. It is a good old English word, and I learned it when I was studying in England." "Still," says Evans, "he did say such things as 'that's a cinch,' and when somebody asked him to make a speech in Boston, he replied: 'Not on your life!'"

We have said that only one unpleasant incident is reported by the admiral. This is not quite true, for the prince found himself bored on more than one occasion by the speech-making. The admiral's remarks on this subject are a true enough arraignment of a bad American habit to be worthy of reproduction in full, as follows:

"At most dinners the prince had no conversation, only speeches, and this everlasting speech-making of ours bored him, as it did the rest of us. He said so. 'What an extraordinary way of entertaining one's guest,' he said once, 'to sit him down and make speeches at him. There is no chance for conversation. I find myself seated between two charming gentlemen, but am unable to get more than 'yes' and 'no' out of them until after they have made speeches. Then they turn out to be entertaining, witty, full of knowledge and character, and I realize that before that they couldn't talk to me because they were conning their speeches.'"

At Boston, continues Evans, "A particularly long-winded, dry and orderly speaker was droning on, to the death of the whole company. It was a regular thirty-fourthly-fiftly-in-conclusion-and-one-word-more oration, and everybody was in perfect sympathy against the man. The prince caught Chief Wilkie's eye, and with a twinkle in his own, he put his hand inside his coat. He knew that Wilkie carried a gun there, and it was a suggestion to draw and shoot. If Wilkie had been up on etiquette and had taken the royal wish for a command, there would have been some mighty democratic approval of justifiable homicide. At Niagara Falls, where the prince was eager to see that wonderful tumble of waters, after he had seen enough of it to move his musical soul and make him feel the finest emotions a man can have, they got him out on the middle of the bridge, with the roar of Niagara in his ears, and made him listen to speeches!"

The admiral says that if the prince

erred at all, it was on the side of being too democratic. "I didn't think it quite right," says he, "for the boys on the street to call out, 'Hello, Henry,' or 'Where's Henry?' But the prince did not seem to mind. He answered in kind. 'Hello,' he would answer, or 'Here I am,' or 'I'm Henry,' or, with his finger pointing to his breast, 'Here is Prince Henry.' If they said, 'Hello, prince, how are you?' he would say, 'All right; how are you?' Further more, the prince regretted something of the position which he was obliged to maintain as a representative of the German government. He declared that he wanted to come again in his private capacity and make a more thorough exploration of the country."

We have the word of Admiral Evans for the statement that Prince Henry is what here in America we call a "lady's man"—otherwise, an admirer of pretty faces and bright wits among the women. "He was disappointed," says Evans, "that he had so few acquaintances among American women—two or three in Boston; four or five in New York. They were about all. He was especially pleased with Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt; he had heard her story, and liked the way she was helping her husband to be something else besides a millionaire. Among the crowds, the women of Milwaukee struck him as most beautiful. They did me, too. I never remember hearing that Milwaukee was famous for lovely women, and maybe the beauty we saw there that day was due to the fresh breeze that happened to be blowing off the lake. Anyhow, as we drove along, I was fully occupied with the faces on my side of the carriage, yet Prince Henry kept calling my attention to those on his side. At last I warned him that each had enough to do to watch his own share, and that if we both tried to see all there were on both sides of the road, we should soon be cross-eyed. After that we left each other alone, and yet saw an amazing number of beautiful faces."

Bishop Willis intends to establish the Anglican church in Tonga as Bishop Staley did here. Starting as he will with a congregation formed out of an English population of two hundred, a smaller number of other Europeans and a native race numbering 20,000, there would seem to be reason why the Bishop should be able, if he keeps his health and exercises good judgment, to build up a flourishing Episcopate.

The cyclone season in Kansas began to promise well as soon as Funston was shut off.

Let no buyer imagine that because it's a beef trust it's doing a trust business.

Cuba will want a consul at Honolulu. This is a good time to apply for the job.

FOR THE LADIES SINGLES.

Drawing for Third Series of Tennis Contests.

The drawings for the ladies' tennis singles were completed last evening and arrangements made for the beginning of the matches this afternoon at 4 o'clock, on both the Beretania and Pacific courts. The drawing resulted in the following pairing for the first round: Mrs. S. G. Wilder vs. Miss L. K. Ward, Miss Horner vs. Miss N. Adams, Mrs. R. Ivers vs. Mrs. Mary Gunn, Miss Cunha vs. Mrs. A. M. Brown.

The games to be played are: At 4 o'clock, Beretania courts, Miss Horner and Miss Adams; Pacific courts, Mrs. Wilder and Miss Ward; at 5 o'clock, Beretania courts, Miss Cunha and Mrs. Brown; Pacific courts, Mrs. Ivers and Mrs. Gunn.

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